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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: MILITARY RICE FOR LAOS

REF: A. VIENTIANE 4740

B. DAO 994 (101000 JULY '75)

C. VIENTIANE 4700

D. BANGKOK 13231

E. STATE 147521

F. VIENTIANE 4773

1. PER REF A INSTRUCTIONS, AMEMBASSY BANGKOK REQUESTED JULY 9 TO RAISE LEVEL OF APPROACH REGARDING CLEARANCE WITH MFA. WILL ADVISE STATUS ASAP.

2. WHILE ACCURATELY PRESENTING TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF PROPOSED DELIVERY SYSTEM, REF B DID NOT CONVEY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN EMPLOYING THIS SYSTEM (NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH STATED REF F) WHICH ARISE FROM CHANGED CONDITIONS IN LAOS.

3. REF C PARAS SIX AND SEVEN INDICATE THAT ORIGINAL PREMISES UNDER WHICH PROCUREMENT REQUIRED AND CONTINUED DELIVERIES DESIRED, (SEE STATE 147521 6/24/75) NOW NO LONGER EXIST. DELIVERY SYSTEM PER REF B DEVELOPED WITH UNDERSTANDING SITUATION
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IN LAOS SUCH THAT REASONS EXIST WHICH WOULD OVERRIDE USUAL

REQUIREMENTS TO PROTECT USG INTERESTS IN PROPER SUPERVISION/
CERTIFICATION OF DELIVERY. BASED ON REF C, IT WOULD APPEAR
THAT YOU MAY WISH TO REEXAMINE SITUATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER
LACK OF CONTROL INHERENT IN REF B SYSTEM STILL JUSTIFIED.

4. FURTHERMORE, AS STATED REF D, IT NOW SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN
PROBLEM WITH RTG MFA WILL DELAY DELIVERY OF JUNE/JULY RICE
BEYOND MID-JULY, POSSIBLY UNTIL AUGUST. VIEW REF C PARA NINE,
IF JULY DELIVERY NOT POSSIBLE, WOULD DELIVERY OF JUNE/JULY RICE
IN AUGUST BE DESIRED?

5. IN ADDITION TO MFA CLEARANCE PROBLEM, IT APPEARS THAT
CURRENT LAO/THAI BORDER/PROBLEMS MAY PRECLUDE DELIVERIES TO
CONTRACT DESTINATIONS OTHER THAN VIENTIANE.

6. THIS CONNECTION, OF 204 MT DUE END MAY/JUNE (CLEARANCE OF
WHICH STILL DELAYED BY MFA) ONLY 66 MT DUE IN VIENTIANE. OF
1043.1 MT DUE MID-JULY, ONLY 484 MT SCHEDULED FOR VIENTIANE.
THEREFORE, OF TOTAL 1247.1 MT EXPECTED FOR JULY DELIVERY ONLY
550 MT SEEMS DELIVERABLE - ASSUMING MFA RELEASES IT. PLEASE
ADVISE DESIRED DISPOSITION BALANCE OF 697.1 MT.

7. SINCE REF C PARA NINE IMPLIES CANCELLATION DESIRED FOR 2,086.2
MT AUGUST/SEPTEMBER RICE PROCURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF E
INSTRUCTIONS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OUR NEGOTIATING POSITION
WITH PWO IF WE COULD KNOW TOTAL QUANTITY FOR CANCELLATION ASAP.
PLEASE ADVISE ON ALL.

8. NOTE: FOREGOING DRAFTED PRIOR RECEIPT DAO CONFIDENTIAL 112
JULY 75 (150440 JULY '75). WHILE DAO MESSAGE INDICATES SOME
DELIVERIES TO DESTINATIONS OTHER THAN VIENTIANE ARE POSSIBLE IT
ALSO INCREASES ANTICIPATED JULY DELIVERIES FROM 1247.1 MT TO
1628.6 MT AND DOES NOT CHANGE BASIC PROBLEMS. PLEASE ADVISE.
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